

**Martin Luther King Commission Meeting
Rio Grande Board Room
Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

Attendees: Adrienne G. Andrews, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Ed Napia, Beth Garstka, Claudia Nakano, Shawn Newell, Dr. Rob Harter, Robert Rendon, Geoffrey Fattah, Jenny Hor, Stanford Kekauoha, Nkoyo Iyamba, Jasen Lee, Satty Chozo

Excused: Dr. Karen Johnson

Welcome- *Adrienne Andrews, Interim Chair*

Adrienne Andrews welcomed all attendees to the MLK retreat.

Ed Napia thanked the Commission for the “get well soon” card.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Jasen Lee moved to approve the minutes from Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Shawn Newell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Joseph V. Nicholas Memorial Services

Claudia shared the thank you note Maxine Nicholas sent to the Commission. Dr. Forrest Crawford read the resolution he provided on behalf of the MLK Commission. [Link: <http://heritage.utah.gov/multicultural-affairs/mrjosephvnicholas>]

Strategic Plan

Adrienne Andrews thanked and congratulated Beth Garstka for doing an amazing job with social media/outreach program. Beth Garstka shared that on Wednesday, March 25 at the Glendale Library; at least 80 people participated in the Education First! event organized by the English Skills Learning Center in partnership with the Salt Lake City Library and The Utah Martin Luther King Commission. An event report was sent to Commission members. For the month of April, Nkoyo Iyamba will take over social media with posts on human rights leaders, MLK assassination commemoration and Holocaust remembrance topics. Commission members are encouraged to submit quotes and upcoming events to her during April.

25th Anniversary Planning Discussion

Dr. Forrest Crawford opened the discussion by stating the committee needs to establish a regular time outside of the monthly MLK Commission meeting. December 10, 2015 is the official date for the MLK Commission 25th Anniversary Celebration. The Committee agreed on meeting Wednesday April 8th, 2015 at 10 am through a conference call. Dr. Forrest Crawford will provide the number and access code for the conference call. He encouraged the Commission to submit names of individuals who would like to serve on the 25th Anniversary Committee. Claudia Nakano will reserve the Utah State Capitol Rotunda for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Rob Harter suggested to extend the invitation to the Governor and Lt. Governor early enough to make sure they are part of the celebration.

Dr. Forrest Crawford shared with the Commission a folder of information, flyers, documents, and pictures he kept over the years that involves the King Commission programs, outreach and partnerships. He mentioned the possibility of MCA archiving all those documents.

25th Anniversary Committee Members

Dr. Forrest Crawford
Adrienne Andrews
Beth Garstka
Dr. Rob Harter
Nkoyo Iyamba
Dr. Karen Johnson
Ed Napia
Robert Rendon
Shawn Newell

Strategic Plan for Commission Activities - Overview

Adrienne Andrews encouraged the Commission members to take a minute to look over her notes. Dr. Rob Harter asked if the document can be sent out electronically; all commission members agreed.

Thematic Community Discussions & Forums-

This committee reflects Dr. Martin Luther King's work, with King centered discussion topics such as homelessness, hunger, education, voting rights and more. Adrienne Andrews encouraged Commission members to be involved in their own communities by participating on events that advocate on the topics mentioned before.

Goals

Dr. Rob Harter suggested combining goals. Commission members agreed on Dr. Rob Harter's idea on condensing the goals in order to present more specific information to the public and potential sponsors. Jasen Lee suggested creating a small card with the mission statement and at most 5 goals. Nkoyo Iyamba agreed to condense the goals for the next Commission meeting.

Other Business

Adrienne Andrews brought to the Commission's attention the "Love Utah Give Utah" event. She mentioned that it would have been a good idea to be part of that event. She also mentioned that the money the commission collects from donation, it could be used to host an essay contest or give out to the community as a scholarship. Shawn Newell said he would be willing to donate towards a scholarship. Dr. Rob Harter asked how the Commission receives money since it is a government

institution. Stanford Kekauoha recommended having the department's financial specialist, Jill Flygare, speak at a meeting.

Future Meetings

Month	Commission Member	Location
May 6 th	Adrienne Andrews	Weber State University
June 3 rd	Robert Rendon	Utah Valley University
July 1 st	Dr. Rob Harter	Park City
August 5 th	Adrienne Andrews	Utah State University
September 2 nd	Ed Napia	Southern Utah University
October 7 th	Robert Rendon	Westminster College
November 4 th	Dr. Karen Johnson	University of Utah
December 2 nd		Rio Grande Board Room

Adjourn

MOTION: Adrienne Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Rendon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Action Items

- MLK Commission Members are encouraged to bring names of organizations to partner with.
- The next commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at Weber State University